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## COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53 is the  Design  Utility patent application of:

**Inventor:** Flowers et al.  
**Entitled:** Fluorine Gas Treatment of Washign Machine Parts

 Customer Number or Bar Code Label

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Enclosed are:

- 17 page(s) of written description, claims and abstract
- 2 sheet(s) of drawings ( formal  informal)
- An assignment of the invention to: Maytag Corporation
- Executed (original or copy) declaration of the inventor(s).
- A certified copy of a priority document.
- Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
- Preliminary Amendment.
- Information Disclosure Statement w/ 18 refs.
- Return Receipt Postcard

**CONTINUING APPLICATION** (see requisite information below and accompanying preliminary amendment, or Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76):

Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-In-Part (CIP)      of prior application

Copy of declaration of the inventor(s) from a prior application (Continuation/Divisional information completed above)

Prior application information: Examiner: Group Art Unit:

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

ITEM	AS FILED	# EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	FULL FEE
Basic Fee			<input type="checkbox"/> Utility ..... \$375.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Design ..... \$165.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility .... \$750.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Design.... \$330.00
Total Claims	20 - 20 =	0	x \$9 =	x \$18 =
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$42 =	x \$84 =
Multiple Dependent Claims in Proper Form Presented			+ \$140 =	+ \$280 =
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$	\$ 750.00

A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee (and assignment recordation fee, if any) is enclosed.

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